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WSP Regulation Manual

Investigation procedures, chapter 6.

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WSP Leaks

Please investigate WSP CIO Vasili's of investigatory information to make in violation of Section 6, Initial Release of Information Before Action By Prosecutor as described and detailed below:

1. Seattle Weekly. When we reached for quote yesterday by Seattle Weekly, WSP Spokesman Kirk Boyd stated "I am not aware if the name Tamara Leech or any of the aliases in the Aaron Reardon case" be solved, unprompted, before explaining that he couldn't comment.

RULE 6 L. The following information shall not be released: Statements concerning the credibility or anticipated testimony of prospective witnesses and their identity.

2. Seattle Times. Detectives with the Washington State Patrol, which is investigating whether Reardon misused county funds, have also told the Dutton and Reardon last set after, according to a law-enforcement source close to the investigation. "I believe she's being truthful, and everyone who's dealt with her believes she's being truthful," the source said. Carlstrom.

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3. Seattle Times. At the county's Issaquah records center, Reardon's attorney, Jeffrey Ganson, checked out the folder and made copies — which investigators have loaned was for an "intimacy kit" — removed and charged to Reardon's personal card.

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4. Seattle Times: The State Patrol is interviewing some of Reardon's employees about their roles in his campaign, but it is not clear what they want to know about all of the activities that the WSP comments did not reflect Reardon's official duties, such as traffic stop incidents by opponent. Hope. The employees received the records using a different file name.

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5. Seattle Weekly. Kirk Boyd said it does not appear that WSP communication with potential witnesses, emails colleagues of individual who asked to remain unnamed prior to interviewing. Hoglund) this a source familiar with the investigation and asks who individual is "not cooperating" with WSP investigation.

Please investigate these apparent breaches of policy at your earliest convenience.

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Herald continues irresponsible reporting on Reardon issue

Aaron Reardon will public resources to raise campaign cash, records show

Footnotes:

1 State law allows officials to place campaign events on public calendar. 12A hours over nine months equals about two hours per week of campaign calendared events.

2 State law allows the use of public phones for scheduling purposes. Further, many donors are also people who interact with County government on a daily basis. The Herald implies that a donor should not be able to contact a politician. This is simply untrue. Nearly every teacher is a political donor. Millions of Washington residents are employed by government. Any interaction with them shouldn't be able to speak to legislation? Should Lawmakers be prohibited from discussing traffic code if their union donates to a county candidate? The Herald provides no proof of wrong-doing and instead attempts to trick readers by misrepresenting state law.

3 This claim is not accurate based on the evidence provided in the story. This is a possibly defamatory accusation built upon the misstatis in (2)

4 The Herald tries to "scold fault" multiple times during their story. The County Executive is on duty 24 hours per day, he is not a 9-5 position. The Herald knows this, but is using this to prove a point they cannot prove and blurred on the evidence, they attempt to trick readers into thinking that the Executive is somehow tied to a set schedule. We have already discussed the overlap between donors and constituents. The individual in question is reportedly an energy lobbyist. The Herald needs to prove that this worker using made up unnamed sources, or retract.

5 Herald cents fact that public resources such as calendar and phones can be used to schedule a campaign events. Herald provides no proof to refute Reardon explanation of such. Another unsourced accusation. Notice how the Herald puts this slew premise directly before Reardon's legal explanation, which they cannot counter.

6 The State Auditor officially cleared Reardon of misuse of funds in this matter last week. The Herald is aware of this fact.

7 Dutton has provided no proof to support her claims. An examination of Snoco documents to the State Auditor has failed to back up her claims.

8 Lazy journalism 101. If you can't find a source, make one up. Who are the people referred to in this passage? If North can't site them, they don't exist.

9 Again, no proof provided that Reardon did anything other than schedule events, which is legal.

10 Two hours of time over nine months works out to about 20 minutes per week. Considering that Reardon was both scheduling campaign events and knowcased and working on County matters, this does not seem unusual at all, which is why the Herald went back together and neglects to provide further details. Two rounds much worse than 20 minutes a week. The Herald is not interested in truth.

11 Upon such words, a subtle action is +50, -50, Reardon's decision to offer for attempting to provide information without attribution. The Herald would never grant anonymity to a public employee making $93,000/year. Now, all statement North has repeatedly used unnamed sources - but only if they line up against Reardon. Lazy journalism, dishonesty, lack of integrity. Can't trust this guy.

12 This portion of the article was subject to TWO separate joint corrections due to inaccurate claims and unsourced allegations made by North. He was forced to correct the Herald twice. This is a long history of publishing inaccurate material if it supports his preconceived story line.

13 Yes, indeed. The accusations leveled against Reardon fall under the jurisdiction of the PDC, a quasi-judicial entity. The PDC is not investigating Reardon. However, the State Patrol and the Herald are attempting to prosecute Reardon's legal actions – which wouldn't be a public matter even if the accusations were true – as "proof" of illegal activities.

14 Again, the facts of the matter refute Herald claims. However, Herald chooses to report that as the record explanation provided by Reardon and the callers hired here and instead chooses to place more value in unnamed sources and unproven allegations from left-of-advance, journalists are required to source at marked, and to further evaluate their sources for credibility. North/Hoglund/Herald does none of the above.

15 THE STATE PATROL IS LEAKING INFORMATION in direct violation of ABA guidelines and their shared mission. Hmmm. Why does the Herald bury this key bit of information??? This is a rhetorical question.

16 The State Open Records act allows for the immediate deletion of any emails that don't relate to the conduct of government. A personal conversation between Reardon and the woman could be legally deleted the day it was created. It is not a public record.

17 The State Auditor found "no reportable conditions" Reardon was cleared of financial impropriety

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Auditor clears Reardon of Impropriety

The State Auditor's office has cleared Executive Aaron Reardon of accusations involving misuse of financial records. State Auditor Brian Sonntag released a letter last week stating that a comprehensive audit of Snohomish County financial records found "no reportable conditions."

The finding from the State's top financial watch dog backs up numerous internal audits conducted by the County finance department, and calls into question the accusations the County employee who admits that her accusations were prompted by the end of her supposed affair with Reardon.

Further, interviews with many of the items identified by the release of Reardon's County phone records revealed that the calls were unrelated to his campaign and instead dealt with the day to day running of the County.

State law allows elected officials to use their county-issued phones and calendars for the scheduling and planning of campaign events. The PDC encourages candidates to keep on centre calendars for transparency purposes.

A media examination of Reardon's calendars and phone records revealed that Reardon – who is on duty 24 hours/day as the County's top elected official – spent about two hours each week on campaign related events.

The Daily Herald and the Seattle Weekly have previously reported that the woman in question was associated with the Hebe Hope campaign as early as June. Hope repeatedly tried to use the woman's story to smear Reardon's image – even resorting to a fake website. The woman stayed the course through May and story her campaign purposes.

In addition, the Hope campaign facilitated the woman's last second meeting with Councilmember Dave Somers, who called for an investigation into the woman's claims only days before Reardon won re-election. Somers, a longtime enemy of Reardon, has continually offered comment throughout the investigation disparaging Reardon. Reardon also appeared to have an in the past [to retrieve Somers' self approved mid six figure pay raise.](#) Reardon has also repeatedly vetoed Somers' efforts to raise taxes.

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"We found no reportable conditions…and found sufficient controls to account for travel purchases."

State Auditor Brian Sonntag's [official statement](#), clearing Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon of charges that he misused funds for the purpose of travel.

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Somers "distracted" by his own investigation, wants Reardon to step down

Yesterday, *County Councilmember* Dave Somers' issued a press release [stating that he was "distracted"](#) by his self-proposed investigation into County Executive Aaron Reardon, and that he thought Reardon should step down.

Somers' self-issued press release comes only days after the State's top financial watch dog Brian Sonntag [cleared Reardon of allegations of financial impropriety](#) brought forth by the investigation Somers launched last November.

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After Somers called for an investigation into the woman's claims, the Hope campaign worked hard behind the to get the story out to reporters prior to the election. [Coincidentally, for not], the State Patrol "accidently" leaked word that an investigation into Reardon had begun. The WSP spokesperson leaked this info four days prior to what many thought would be a very close election. Hope, who is also a State Patrol officer, ended up losing to her percentage points after the leaked investigation.

In four months later, the open-ended investigation continues despite no findings of wrongdoing, no evidence of wrongdoing, and revelations that the "whistleblower" brought forward accusations that turned out to be untrue. The woman chose Valentine's Day as the date to appear on TV, slamming Reardon with further unsourced accusations of spending violations.

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